

MU KO HONG

THANBOKE KHORANEE NATIONAL PARK
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BACKGROUND - TRAVEL INFORMATION



Thanboke Khoranee, located in Ao Luk District and Mueang District, Krabi Province, became a national park on September 30, 1998, and it covers an area of 104 sq.km.(65,000) ; 39.7 sq.km.(24,812.5 Rai) of the park is terrestrial and the rest, 64.3 sq.km.(40,187.5 Rai) is marine.

From BKK., take highway No.4(Petchakasem Rd.) to Chumporn. Continue on highway No.41 to Wieng Sa District, Suratthani Province, then take route 4035 until it meets highway No.4. Cross over onto route 4039 and after 1.5 km., the entrance to the park's HQ. is on the left. Totally distance is about 769 km.

For further information, please contact Thanboke Khoranee's Visitor Center, Ao Luk District, Krabi Province 81110. Tel. 0-7568-1071, 0-7568-2058 Fax. 0-7568-2058 or National Park Wildlife and Plant Department Tel. 0-2561-2918, 0-2561-4203-4 ext. 724, 725

RULES AND REGULATIONS

When taking a trip to a national park, there are rules and regulations that every conscientious tourist must observe in order to maintain this public area sustainably forever. They are

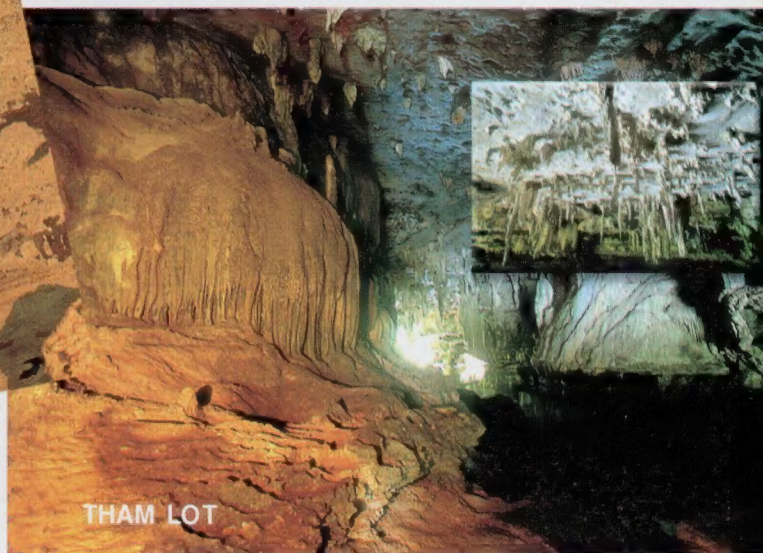
- Do not collect anything but rubbish.
- Do not make loud noises, which disturbs other people and wildlife.
- Do not hunt, destroy, or do anything that harms plants, animals, and the environment.
- Do not take the foam ware in a national park.
- Do not take the pets in a national park.
- Do realize the significance of nature, in that everybody must share and learn to preserve it for ourselves and others.

MAIN TOURIST ATTRACTIONS OF THANBOKE KHORANEE NATIONAL PARK



PEE HUA TOE

PRE-HISTORIC CAVE PAINTINGS



THAM LOT



THANBOKE KHORANEE



KAYAKING

Thanboke Khoranee has many tourist attractions and activities.

-**Thanboke Khoranee** is a large forest nestled in the middle of a mountain. It has an underground stream that flows through the cave known as 'Tham Naam Lot'. Suitable for swimming and relaxing.

-**Tham Lot** is a cave - passage navigable by boat. Beautiful formations of stalactites and stalagmites can be seen on the way through.

-**Tham Pee Hua Toe** is a large limestone cave. There are several 3,000-2,000 years old pre-historic paintings can be found depicted on the walls and ceiling



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KO PHAK BIA



KAYAKING



WHITE-BELLIED SEA EGLE

PACIFIC REEF EGRET

Mu Ko Hong (Mu Ko Lao Bi-le) consists of 12 small islands in the national park area. It is called 'Pa Ko' (islands forest) by the natives. Ko Hong is the largest, it is located not far from the mainland, about 7 km. from the shore.

Ko Hong (Ko Lao Bi-le) is a fantastic limestone island with a quiet atmosphere, clear water and clean beach. It has many beautiful spots around the island.

-Ao Bi-le is a white-powder sandy beach divided into two curving bays by a large rock (look like the bird's wings). The water is clear, suitable for swimming and snorkelling. It also has interesting plants, wildlife and birds around nature trail that passes through beach forest to moist evergreen forest. The aim of the trail is to bring visitors closer to nature and encourage them to learn more about the valuable ecosystems around them.

-Ao Hong is the lagoon located on the other side of the island, surrounded by high, steep limestone mountain. It has clear and clean water, very suitable for swimming and watching the mangrove plants such as *Rhizophora apiculata*, *Rhizophora mucronata* etc. Boats can reach the lagoon at high tide.

Ko Lao Lading is a beautiful one, there is a sand beach for relaxing and the school of fish for watching. This island was taken movie 'The Paradise'.

Ko Lao Bulo (Ko Phak Bia) is another the beautiful island, located in the north of Mu Ko Hong. It has a long white sand beach which is suitable for swimming.

Besides, other islands in Mu Ko Hong are also worth visiting, all of which posses a variety of natural beauty and suitable for various activities such as kayaking, canoeing, snorkelling and and sightseeing.

For travelling around Mu Ko Hong, visitors should have time 2 days at least and can stay overnight at the accommodation available on the mainland.



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FISH FEEDING



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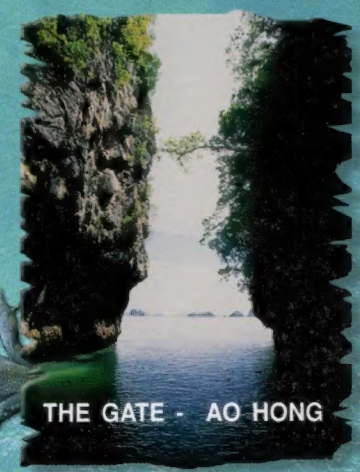
ORIENTAL PIED HORNBILL

There are several piers to Mu Ko Hong.

- From Ao Nang, total distance about 18 km.
- From Haad Noparatana Thara, total distance about 15 km.
- From Baan Ko Kwang(near the wharf), it is the nearest pier, total distance about 7 km. which take about 30 min..



VARANUS BENGALENSIS



THE GATE - AO HONG

